

PENDERGAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 92 4 YEAR TERM KAREN E. RICH

My name is Karen Rich and I'm running for a seat on the Pendergast Elementary Governing Board. As a product of public education, from kindergarten through graduate school, I know public education is <u>the</u> best hope for our children's future. I will work tirelessly for our students and teachers by supporting:

- Sufficient and equitable resources for <u>all</u> public schools.
- Programs encouraging retention of experienced, professional teachers.
- A stronger voice for parents in decision-making at all grade levels.
- Policies that let parents opt out of high stakes tests for their children.

At the same time, I will stand against:

- Using standardized tests as the primary measure of accountability for schools, teachers, and students.
- Competition for Federal funds. A quality education is a right, not a race.
- Any additional school privatization, including vouchers and charter schools.
- Limiting Federally-mandated school improvement models to a narrow set of strategies, based on questionable measures of success.

I'm Karen Rich, and I'm asking for your vote for the Pendergast Elementary Governing Board on November 6. Thank you.